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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated June 17, 2003, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

The amendments presented below are in compliance with the revised amendment format permitted in the Notice from the Office of Patent Legal Administration of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office dated February 10, 2003, and published at 1267 O.G. 106 on February 25, 2003. Thus, the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(a), (b), (c) and (d) are waived for amendments made in this application to the claims and specification.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

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